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OREGON PARAGRAPHS.

Salem—The extensive improvements at the Capitol, which have been under way all summer, and which will cost the state nearly \$50,000, are nearing completion.

Astoria—Another run of steel beams has entered the river and a number of them are being caught in the traps near Cathlamet. They are of excellent quality and the fishermen receive 4 cents per pound for them.

Hood River—A. H. Peters, a Cincinnati man, who recently invested a large sum in an apple orchard, received word that two apples he recently sent to his home city from Hood River sold respectively for \$3.75 and \$1.75 apiece.

Hood River—Word has been received in Hood River by some of the prominent citizens from Senator Bourne that the senior senator will enter a vigorous protest before the board of engineers relative to the improvement of the Columbia river opposite Hood River.

Salem—Business men of Willamette, Douglas County, have applied to the State Railroad Commission for relief from the conditions that have prevailed at the Southern Pacific station site at that place since the destruction of the depot and warehouse by fire on May 2, 1908. A boxcar has been made to do duty as a station.

Albany—The fourth annual boys' conference will convene in the city on Friday, November 26 and will continue its sessions until Sunday evening, November 28. About 60 delegates are expected from the different cities of the state, these all being boys of the high school grade ranging from 14 to 18 years of age.

Pendleton—Seated upright in a chair before a stove in his lonely cabin, the body of Rod McDonald, a pioneer stockman of the southern end of the county, was found by neighbors. The body was frozen. McDonald was about 60 years old. He had lived 26 years in the cabin in which he died. He complained of not feeling well for several days.

Pendleton—Fitzgerald, promoter of the Washington & Oregon Traction company, and Max E. Baumeister, in whose name a franchising from this city is held, both of Walla Walla, are here for the purpose of establishing headquarters for the company, preliminary to commencing the electric line between Pendleton and Walla Walla.

Salem—State Railroad Commissioner West has returned from Dallas, Park County, where he has been looking over the depot facilities of the several roads entering that city. As a result of his trip, the Commission has taken up the roads the project of the construction of a union depot at Dallas, for the use and benefit of all the roads entering the town.

Union—The annual municipal election will be held in this city December 6. There has been much contention over the municipal affairs of the city for the past several months, and the matter involving the recall against ex-Mayor C. H. Law and some of the councilmen was dropped by the citizens and by common consent will settle their differences at the coming election.

Eugene—The Eugene City Council has passed an ordinance prohibiting restaurant-keepers from serving meals in rooms in which the floor space covers less than 150 square feet unless it abuts on the street and has unenclosed windows. This does away with boxes in restaurants, and the Chief of Police has given the restaurant-keepers notice to remove them within a reasonable time.

Marshall—Judge John S. Coke, of the Circuit Court, has dissolved the injunction restraining the Commissioners of the Port of Coos Bay from levying taxes or selling bonds. The Port Commission, by Judge Coke's action, is now free to go ahead with its work of improving the harbor and will levy a tax of 2 mills to carry on the work pending the sale of the bonds.

Portland—Portland's leading attorneys are fighting the contention of Attorney General Crawford that the supreme court of the state is illegal in form because of the increase by the last legislature of the membership from three to five. A brief opposing that contention of the attorney general has been sent to the supreme court signed by 47 of the leading lawyers and legal firms of the city as Amici Curiae, or friends of the court.

Marshall—Curry county, in addition to the railroad which has been started from Bandon to Port Orford, has prospects of still another road—an electric line—to extend from Grants Pass across the mountains to the coast at Port Orford. The plan, as far as it is understood, is to run an electric line from Grants Pass into Curry at a point near Ilwaco. The route selected follows Elk Creek to Silver Butte, on the coast wagon road. From here the road would branch down a few miles to Port Orford and up the coast to Bandon.

**NEWS OF OREGON
STATED IN BRIEF**

TELEGRAPHIC CHRONICLE OF
STATE HAPPENINGS.

TERM OPENS JANUARY 4

Six Weeks' Course to Be Given at
Oregon Agricultural College.
No Entrance Examinations.

CORVALLIS—The college course committee has announced that the winter short courses will commence on January 4 and continue for a period of six weeks. There will also be a special course covering a period of five days commencing Monday, February 11, offered especially for those who are unable to take the longer course.

No entrance examinations or other educational tests will be required. Every department of the college will take part in these courses. Lectures and demonstrations will be given in the subjects of general agriculture, dairying, horticulture, mechanical arts, domestic science, forestry and commerce. The instructional staff will be made up not only of the college experts, but of men and women who are taking a leading part in both practical and experimental phases of technical work in this and other states.

WRITER SCORES BALLINGER.

Portland—For approving the maps giving the Hill and Harriman railroads rights of way along the Deschutes river, Secretary Ballinger is severely arraigned by John L. Matthews in an article to appear in the December issue of Hampton's Magazine. Matthews' complaint is that Ballinger not only allowed two railroads to build through the Deschutes canyon, but allowed both to build at water grade, thus interfering with power development on that river, and depriving the state of some thirty or more millions dollars of revenue which it might have received in the form of a tax upon power companies.

TARGET USED AT NIGHT.

FORT STEVENS—Fort Columbia will soon be the center of a very interesting series of experiments with night-firing target practice. A target illuminated in a manner similar to an attacking war vessel will be towed rapidly past the battery and fired at from shore by the rapid-fire batteries. The projectiles fired will be equipped with a tracer, a device which is used for illuminating the path of the projectile through the air in order to follow its course and thereby determine the accuracy of the results accomplished.

10-Year-Old La Grande Robber.

La Grande—Two robbers and one fire were traced to a 10-year-old boy, and when faced with the charges confessed his guilt and delivered up the goods, together with a complete set of pass keys and bolt-lifting devices. A peculiar incident connected with the facts of the youthful delinquent was the fact that he gave the larger portion of the cash stolen to the representatives of the Portland Boys' and Girls' Aid Society.

SURVEYORS COMING NORTH.

Klamath Falls—A crew of surveyors passed through this city on their way to Portland. They admitted that they have been working in the interests of J. J. Hill, who contemplates extending a line down through Oregon to tap the Western Pacific in Northern California. The head of the party frankly stated that they were opening the way for a new line through Oregon and California to San Francisco.

NEW PROJECT TO BE DISCUSSED.

Pendleton—Plans have been started by the commercial club of this city for a big meeting of Umatilla citizens on November 27 for the purpose of boasting for reclamation work on the West Umatilla project. Invitations will be extended to Umatilla, Echo, Irrigon and other sections of the Columbia river section to be in attendance.

Want Rapids Cleared.

Oregon City—Business men of this city, through the Commercial Club, have demanded of Congressmen Hawley the removal of rapids at the mouth of the Clackamas river, the construction of new locks at Willamette Falls and an appropriation for the erection of a Federal building at Oregon City.

Survey is Turned Down.

Portland—The general land office has rejected the Deschutes Railroad Company's map for section 5 of its line, so far as it conflicts with the right of way of the Central Oregon railroad. An opportunity will be given to file a new map which avoids this conflict.

1909 NOVEMBER 1909
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THE WHITE SPY.

By NATHANIEL HUBBARD.
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"Who comes?"

"Friend without the countersign." "Advance, friend without the countersign, and let me see what you look like."

A man stepped forth into the moonlight. The sentinel raised his rifle, threw down his musket and fell on his face. The friend without the countersign passed him, entered the lines and walked hurriedly in among the tents.

"Great heavens, is that a ghost coming?" exclaimed an officer to another, both standing outside one of the headquarters tents.

"Or one of the men parading in his nightclothes?"

Meanwhile the figure came up, and as he did so the officer received. He was in uniform, but in the moonlight his clothes appeared to be made of white linen. The face, hands, hair, indeed, every part of the person was white.

"Who are you, and what the deuce do you want?" stammered one of the officers.

"John Waters, and on my way to see the general."

"What in that makeup?"

"Yes, I have important information that should be acted upon at once."

"Is that you, John?" called the general's valet from within the tent.

"Yes, general."

"Come in here."

The figure in white entered the general's tent and was received with the same astonishment as before. Ten minutes later staff officers were flying in every direction carrying orders to the subordinate commanders, and in the early morning columns were marching by different roads to cut off the enemy that the white figure had reported to be in full retreat. When his information had been delivered and the orders issued the general called up John Waters and got him to explain his strange appearance. This was his story:

"I was scouting when I came suddenly upon a body of Spaniards. There was nothing to do but surrender, and this I did. I was carried along in their center right in among the main bodies of their troops, whom I saw always marching southward. It suited my purpose to appear not to understand Spanish, and after awhile they talked freely among themselves in my hearing. They did not know what to do with me, and finally their leader proposed the following plan: They would stop at the next house and get something to eat. While thus engaged they would pretend to leave me to myself, and if I attempted to get away they would shoot me."

"Soon after they stopped at a house next to a four mill. Leaving me, they went into the house and were rather more lax in their watch than they intended. Still, the ground was open, and if I ran they would have free range at me. I determined on a ruse. I hung my coat on a bush, put my hat on it and then rolled in among some flour sacks that were scattered about, crawling into one of them. Presently one of the Spaniards came to the door of the house, and I saw him looking at my dummy. He called to the others that I was about to run, and several of them, coming to the door, fired at my cloak. Both hat and cloak fell to the ground, whereupon the men went back into the house."

"There was a horse standing by the mill loaded with flour sacks. I rolled to this horse in my sack and managed to climb up and throw myself over his back among the sacks. After awhile the Spaniards came out. One of them went to my cloak, picked it up and, not finding my body, notified the others. They, much surprised, mounting their horses and rode off in a direction they supposed I had fled."

"Then a man came out of the mill and, mounting a horse, out the one I was on by a halter. When we were on the road I raised myself up, putting my head, white as it was now with fear, out of the bag. The man let go the halter and galloped away as fast as he could. Throwing off the flour bags, I rode northward with a view to reaching our lines. Fortunately for me it was now getting dark. I passed the men who supposed they had shot me riding a few hundred yards to my left. I saw by their looks that they took me for my ghost, so I concluded to play the part and rode right on right. Their captain halted me, but I paid no attention to him and was soon lost to him in the darkness."

"I had no trouble in passing outposts, for they all took me for a spectator. If any one was courageous enough to challenge me I invariably rode right toward him, making him think that I was about to ride through him. He always got out of the way, and only one who died at me."

"On approaching our lines I dismounted and, letting my horse go where he liked, walked. I did not dare take such risks among the Spanish rear guard, considering that I was moving toward our lines. I stalked through their picket line and when free from it came on to ours."

"And now, general, I ask your permission to go and wash this door off me and get something to eat."

This was in the celebrated penitentiary campaign, fought by Sir Arthur Wellesley, afterward the Duke of Wellington. Sir John Waters was invaluable as a spy and kept his general well supplied with information.

**HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST
CONDENSED FOR READERS**

A. P. Leonard, former county editor of Chehalis county, Wash., was acquitted by a jury of the charge of embezzlement.

After unanimously re-electing President Samuel Gompers, Vice-President John Mitchell, Secretary Frank Morrison and other executive officers, and selecting St. Louis as the place for holding the next meeting, the 29th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor adjourned.

At the convention of the Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Pittsburgh, it was discovered that the ladies of the organization have been assessing \$10 on each member for each baby that is born.

The Oregon & Washington Lumber Manufacturers' Association has adopted a resolution providing for a permanent traffic and legal bureau with a permanent manager. The manager will look after claims against railroads, also all legislation, new rates, etc., affecting lumber interests.

The Alamp claim against Chile for more than \$1,000,000, pending for 35 years, has assumed a critical stage.

Mr. Dawson, American minister to Chile, is now on his way to Washington.

Washington apple trees are to be experimented with in Austria, and a Touchet valley nursery has just received an order for 1000 trees to be shipped immediately to Galicia, Austria.

Mrs. Allan F. Read was found guilty of attempted extortion in Denver. A year ago she attempted to force Mrs. Genevieve Phipps to give her \$100,000, threatening to blow her up with dynamite unless she complied.

The Oregon Academy of Sciences will hold its annual meeting in Forest Grove November 26 and 27.

Richard Watson Gilder, editor-in-chief of the Century Magazine since its foundation in 1881, died suddenly in New York.

Secretary Ballinger, acting on the recommendation of the agricultural department, has withdrawn temporarily from settlement the vacant unappropriated lands comprised in 46,322 acres proposed as an addition to the Sevier national forest, Utah.

Malik Hafid, the sultan of Morocco, bent on being a saint if he cannot be a statesman, is engaged in writing a book on the Koran.

The Italian government has presented a plan for the reduction of indirect taxation, chiefly as affecting sugar, the loss of revenue in this direction to be offset by a progressive income tax.

The superior court has granted an allowance of \$2000 monthly to Mrs. Claus Spreckels until the estate of her late husband, Claus Spreckels, is settled.

Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, excommunicated Christian Scientist leader of New York City, has secluded herself, following the action taken by the Mother Church in Boston against her, and just what will be the outcome of matters in the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of which she was formerly the dominant figure, is problematical.

Football has claimed its annual toll. Thirty dead, 216 crippled, many for life, and scores still hovering on the brink of death in the surgical wards of hospitals; that's the tale of the gridiron covering a period of 60 days.

Punished, nearly exhausted and garbed mostly in borrowed clothing, the 103 persons who were passengers on the steamer St. Croix, which burned and sank off Pointe Dumaine 18 miles up the coast from Santa Monica, Cal., Saturday night, arrived in Los Angeles. There were no lives lost in the wreck.

THE MARKETS

Portland.

Wheat—New crop, track prices: Club, 90c; Bluestem, \$1.00; red Russian, 92c.

Bailey—Feed, \$28; brewing, \$28. Cots—\$20@31.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$15.19 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$18.20; alfalfa, \$15; clover, \$15.

Butter—Extra, 36c; fancy, 33@36c.

Eggs—Ranch, candied, 34@35c.

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Turkeys—Live, 16@18c lb.; dressed 20@22c lb.

Hops—1909 crop, 18@22c; 1908 crop, nominal; 1907 crop, 12c.

Wood—Eastern Oregon, 16@21c per pound.

Mohair—24c.

Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.03@1.10; club, 98c@1.00.

Oats—New, \$20.28 per ton.

Hay—Eastern Washington timothy, \$18.20 per ton; Puget Sound hay, \$15@14 per ton; alfalfa, \$16 per ton.

Butter—Washington creamery 37c; ranch, 20@21c.

Eggs—Selected, local, 48c.

Turkeys—Live, 18@19c lb.; dressed 22@24c lb.

Potatoes,